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Governor Granholm Signs Switalski Street Bill

Potholes may soon become an endangered species

(Lansing)- State Senator Michael Switalski's (D-Roseville) bill that would make it easier for local municipalities in the state to preserve their local road systems was signed into law today by Governor Granholm.

"Senate Bill 334 significantly reduces the red tape and hurdles that local governments have to go through in order to preserve their roads," said Switalski. "This bill lifts some of the restrictions in current law on how cities and villages can spend those funds. At a time when the state has cut from revenue sharing to locals, it has become increasingly difficult to match these funding requirements. This bill should help alleviate that problem. The bill also provides for accountability standards such as adopting an asset management plan."

SB 334 will amend Section 13 of Public Act 51 of 1951 by allowing for the transfer of funds from their major street fund to a local street fund. Many cities have a surplus in their major street fund and an underfunded local street fund. If a city or village's major streets are in good shape, the municipality can transfer money for the preservation of local streets.

"I commend Senator Switalski for working to give municipalities more flexibility to address local road needs," Governor Granholm said. "This new law encourages stronger partnerships between the state and local units of government to ensure that Michigan's streets and roads are better maintained, and that will encourage vital economic growth in our state."

The Michigan Transportation Fund comes from funds that are generated by the motor fuel taxes and is constitutionally dedicated for transportation purposes. SB 334 was granted immediate effect by the legislature.

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